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sHB-6444

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MODERNIZATION OF STATE SERVICES.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 9536)

House Calendar No.: 368

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Department of Administrative Services	GF - Savings	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill allows the certification of a Connecticut-based business to qualify as a small business, by utilizing the industry-specific standards as defined by the federal Small Business Administration. This would improve the efficiency of the certification program allowing the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to avoid the responsibility of creating size standards for qualification.

The bill expands this authority to include purchases from a person who contracts with another branch, division, or department in state government. It also eliminates the requirement that these purchases be made through the DAS commissioner and instead allows any state agency to make them if approved by the DAS commissioner or his designee.

The bill allows for the use of online services for payment. It proposes replacing the communication mandate of responding by mail requiring a return receipt. It permits digital communication including

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a digital verification of receipt. It also allows agencies the choice to use online payment methods as opposed to cash payments or a check. This will result in a savings in postage.

The bill eliminates the requirements to provide reports on the composition of the state's fleet of vehicles, reports to the Commissioner on purchase orders related to his delegation of purchasing authority, made under the leasing of personal property, and concerning real property acquisitions, or reported and readily available through various electronic platforms.

The bill adds four members to the Commission for Educational Technology (CET) within the Department of Administrative Services. The responsibilities of the commission include designing and managing the State Educational Technology Goals and Plan. The CET is responsible for coordinating the integration of technology into Connecticut's schools, libraries, and higher education institutions.

Annually by January first, the CET shall report to the State Board of Education and the Board of Regents for Higher Education on its activities and progress made in the attainment of the state-wide technology goals.

House "A" adds four members to the Commission for Educational Technology which results in no fiscal impact.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.